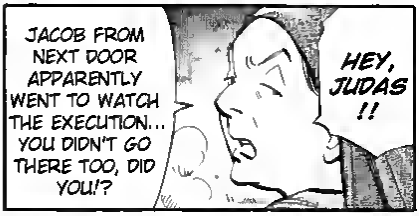
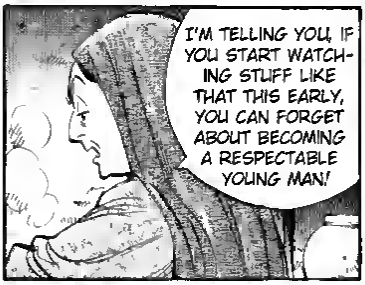
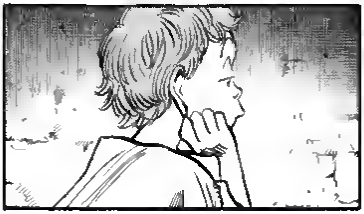
Chapter 15
Father, Son, or Holy Ghost?

ALWAYS PLAYING AROUND OUTSIDE, NEVER HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE...
WHERE DID YOU WANDER OFF TO AT A TIME LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?

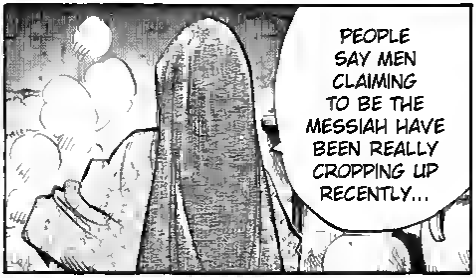

HEY, JUDAS !!
JACOB FROM NEXT DOOR APPARENTLY WENT TO WATCH THE EXECUTION... YOU DIDN'T GO THERE TOO, DID YOU!?


I'M TELLING YOU, IF YOU START WATCHING STUFF LIKE THAT THIS EARLY, YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT BECOMING A RESPECTABLE YOUNG MAN!



NOPE, I DIDN'T GO...

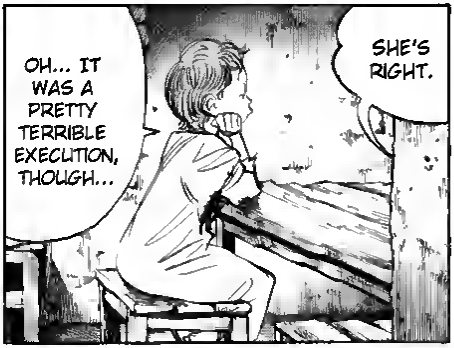
YOU MEAN TODAY'S WASN'T THE MESSIAH?


PEOPLE SAY MEN CLAIMING TO BE THE MESSIAH HAVE BEEN REALLY CROPPING UP RECENTLY...

I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING.

EH?

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU?


OH... IT WAS A PRETTY TERRIBLE EXECUTION, THOUGH...
SHE'S RIGHT.

WHAT'S THAT!?
SERIOUSLY, YOU'D BETTER NOT BELIEVE THAT GUY.

"THE ANOINTED ONE" HASN'T FULLY APPEARED YET.

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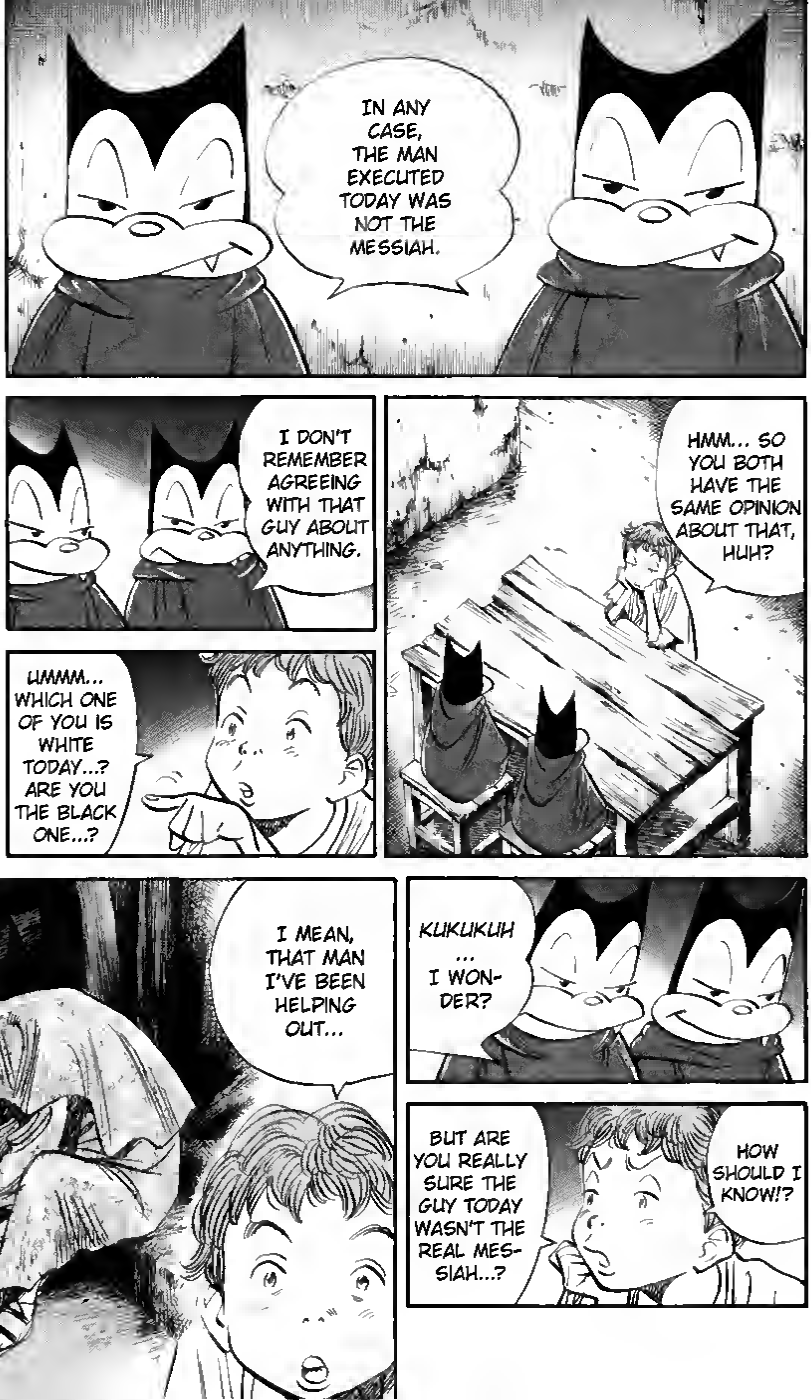
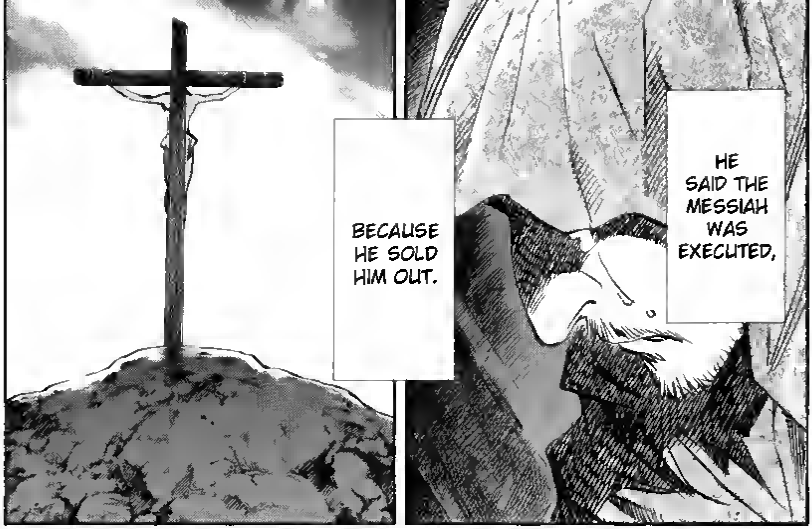
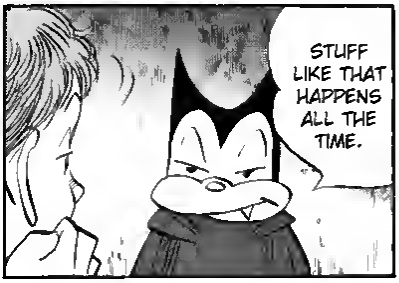
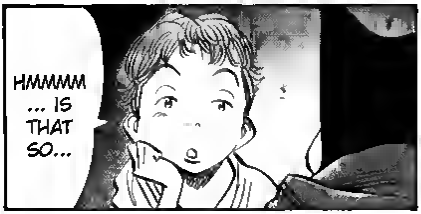

IN ANY CASE, THE MAN EXECUTED TODAY WAS NOT THE MESSIAH.
I DON'T REMEMBER AGREEING WITH THAT GUY ABOUT ANYTHING.
HMM... SO YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME OPINION ABOUT THAT, HUH?
UMMM... WHICH ONE OF YOU IS WHITE TODAY...? ARE YOU THE BLACK ONE...?
I MEAN, THAT MAN I'VE BEEN HELPING OUT...
KUKUKUH ... I WONDER?
BUT ARE YOU REALLY SURE THE GUY TODAY WASN'T THE REAL MESSIAH...?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?

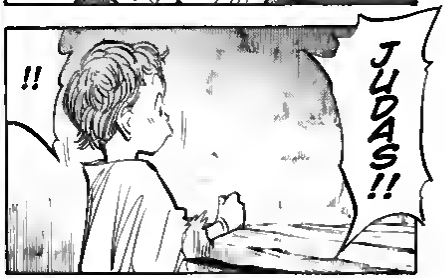

HE SAID THE MESSIAH WAS EXECUTED,
BECAUSE HE SOLD HIM OUT.

MOST OF THE EXECUTIONS EVERY MONTH COME ABOUT FROM THOSE KIND OF STORIES.


STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

DID YOU GO DRAW SOME WATER LIKE I ASKED!?


HMMMM ... IS THAT SO...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JUDAS!!

HEY, UH, CAN I ASK YOU A QUES-TION?
HOOO...
AH... AHH, YEAH I ALREADY DID.
WHAT IS WITH THAT BOY...
ARE YOU GOD?
YES.
NO!
H... HEY, BE QUIET, OR MY MOM'S GONNA HEAR!!
WHAT'D YOU SAY, YOU LITTLE ...!!
STOP TALKING OUT OF YOUR ASS!!
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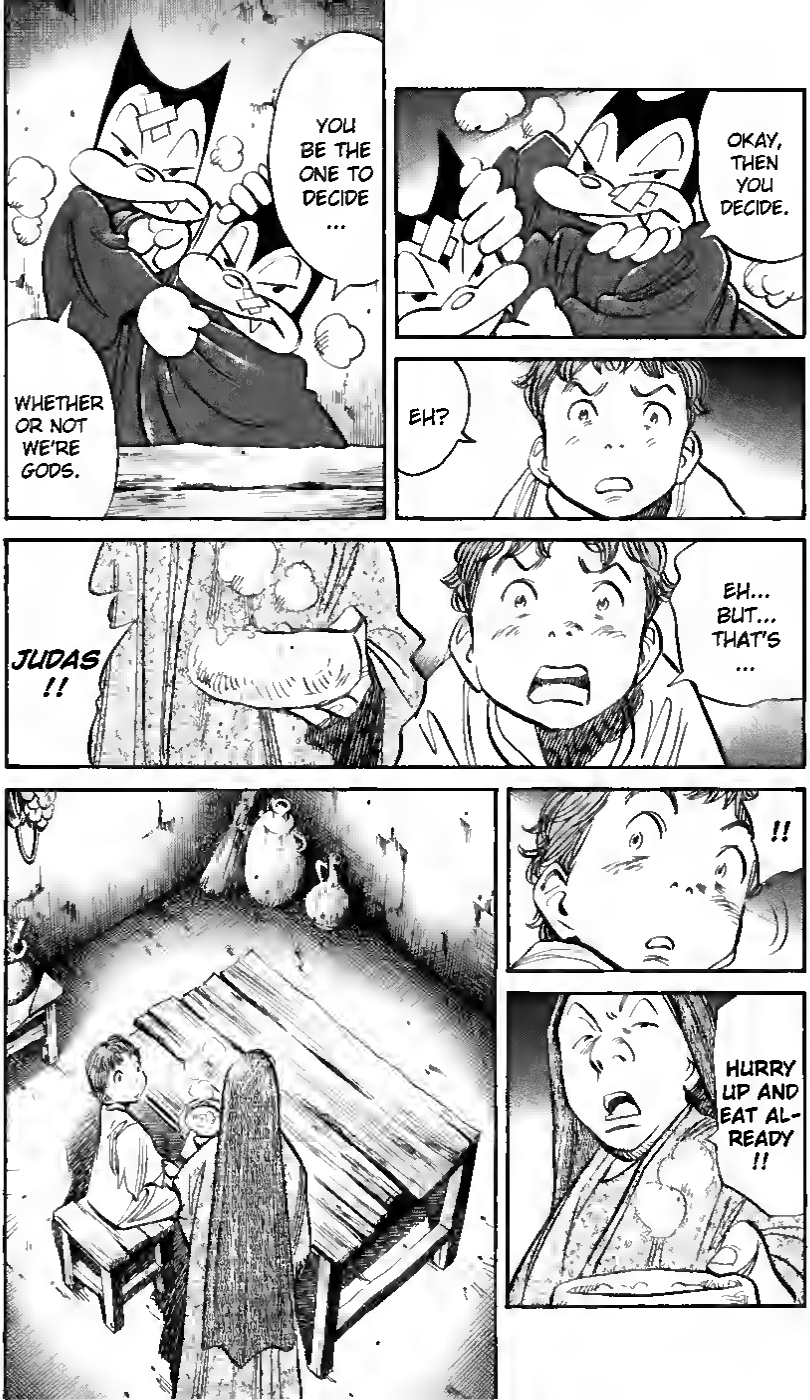
YOU BE THE ONE TO DECIDE ...
WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GODS.
OKAY, THEN YOU DECIDE.
EH?
EH... BUT... THAT'S ...
JUDAS !!
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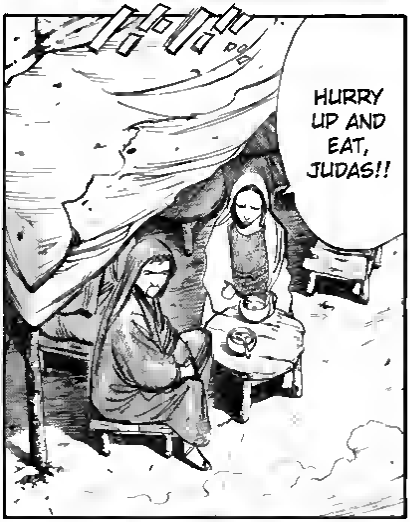
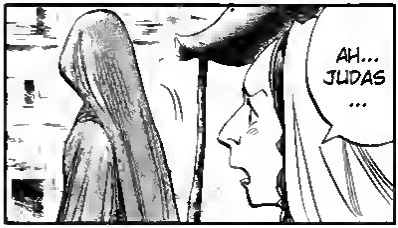
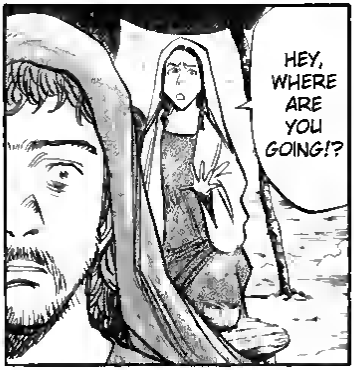
HURRY UP AND EAT AL-READY !!

THIS WIND IS GOING TO SUMMON UP A SAND-STORM.


HURRY UP AND EAT, JUDAS!!


AH... JUDAS ...


HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

HUH

UM...
ARE YOU "THE ANOINTED ONE?"
IF YOU'VE SEEN GOD BEFORE, THEN WHAT IS THE SHAPE OF OUR LORD...?
TH-THIS IS...
Gah
Gah

Y... YOU TRULY ARE THE MESSIAH ...!!
MY... NAME IS JUDAS ISCARIOT !!

sfx: Dosha-aaan
sfx: Dogah
sfx: Gashaaaan
sfx: Brrrrih
sfx: Gohhhh

I'VE SWEPT OUT ALL THE MERCHANTS WHO HUNG OUT AROUND JERUSALEM'S TEMPLES.

THE ROMAN ARMY WILL MOST LIKELY CHASE ME UNDER THE FALSE PRETENSES THAT I AM A BANDIT OR A THIEF.

AND ALSO, I TELL YOU THAT ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME, SOMEONE WHO IS EATING WITH ME RIGHT NOW.
IS IT ...?
WHO ...
IT IS THE ONE I WILL GIVE THIS BREAD TO WHEN I HAVE DIPPED IT.

GO QUICKLY AND DO WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO.

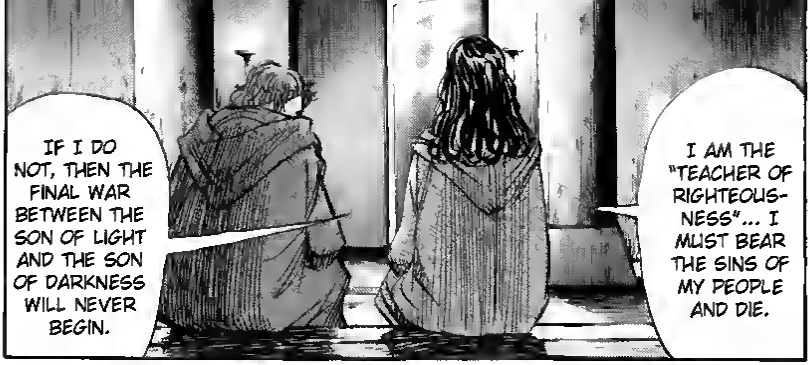
ZAH
ZAH
ZAH

ZAH
ZAH
ZAH

WHICH MAN IS IT!?

ZAH
ZAH
ZAH
ZAH
ZAH

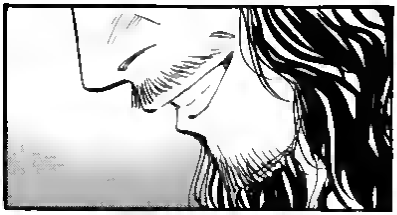
AHHHHHH!!
WHAT'S WRONG, MISTER?
I... I...
Sold Him out!!
BUT IT ALL WENT AS YOU PLANNED, RIGHT?
HM MMM ...
EH ...?

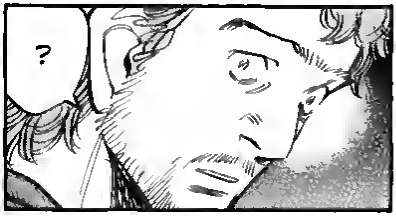

I AM THE "TEACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"... I MUST BEAR THE SINS OF MY PEOPLE AND DIE.
IF I DO NOT, THEN THE FINAL WAR BETWEEN THE SON OF LIGHT AND THE SON OF DARKNESS WILL NEVER BEGIN.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? JUDAS ...
IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, YOU MUST SELL ME OUT TO THE ROMAN SOLDIERS.

CAN ...
CAN I JUST ASK YOU ONE QUESTION?
WHEN I ASKED YOU TO DRAW THE SHAPE OF GOD,
THE PICTURE THAT YOU DREW... IS THAT TRULY HIS REAL FORM?

I JUST DREW WHAT WAS INSIDE YOUR HEAD.

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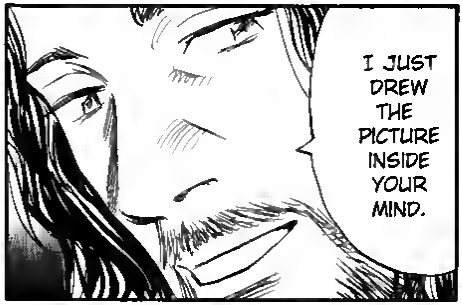
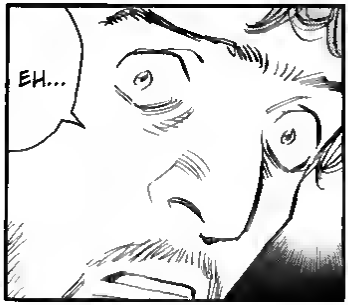

I JUST DREW THE PICTURE INSIDE YOUR MIND.


EH...

IF THAT BAT ISN'T GOD ...!!

HE KEPT TELLING ME OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO BETRAY HIM!!
ISN'T THAT GOOD, THOUGH? THEN HE'LL BECOME ETERNAL IN THE EYES OF ALL HUMANS.
WHO ...?
ARE YOU ...?
KU KU KUH ...
KU KU KUH ...

Has He...
Met with you ....!?
NOT ONCE.
AND YOU MERELY FOLLOWED MY ORDERS.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
WHAT'S WRONG, MISTER?

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NEW YORK,
1959——
GRAND CENTRAL STATION ...

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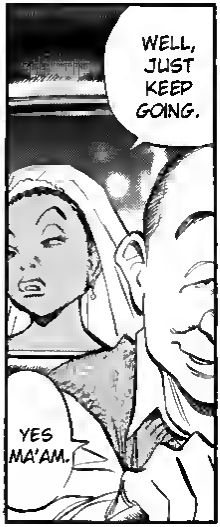
NAH... IT'S JUST, THERE'S A DEMONSTRATION HAPPENING ON THE WAY TO GRAND CENTRAL.
WE'LL HAVE TO GO AROUND IT.

HUH?

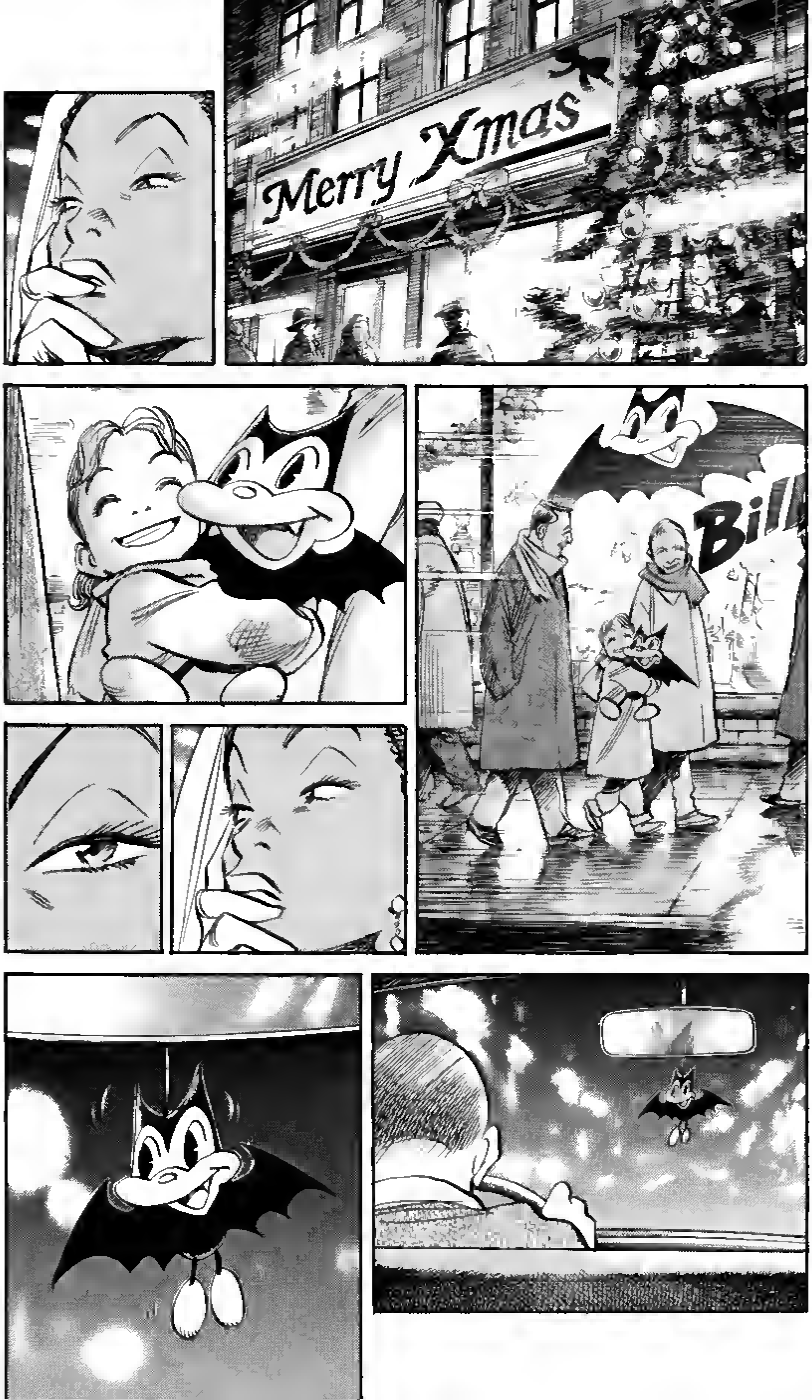
IT'S PRETTY THICK OUT THERE.


WELL, JUST KEEP GOING.
YES MA'AM.

AND THE WHITE FOLKS' IS OVER HERE.
THANKS TO THEM, TRAFFIC'S HEAVY ALL OVER.

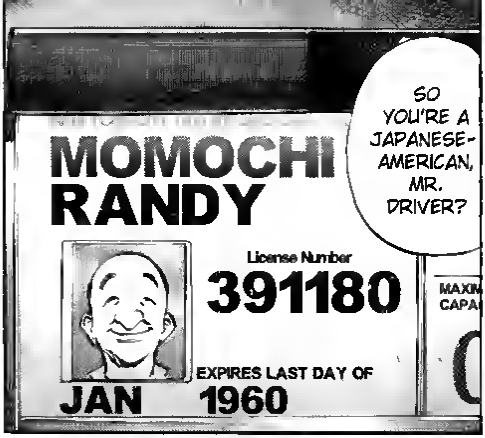
DEMON-STRA-TION...?

YEAH, THE NATIONAL RIGHTS MOVE-MENT.
THE BLACK FOLKS' DEMON-STRATION IS THAT WAY,


Merry Xmas
Bill

MY DAUGHTER LIKES HIM.
YOU LIKE THAT THING TOO, MR. DRIVER?
EH... AH, OL' BILLY HERE?
HMPH! THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.
WHEN I GET LOST, HE TELLS ME WHERE TO GO.
NAVI-GATE?
HE HELPS ME NAVIGATE, TOO.
AND THEIR UNDERLINGS ARE ALWAYS BLACKS, OF COURSE!!
THE CRIMINAL IN THOSE BILLY BAT COMICS IS ALWAYS A SOVIET OR CHINESE SPY...
I HATE HIM.
OH REALLY? NOW I DON'T HEAR THAT ONE TOO OFTEN.

TAXI
WHAT?
BUT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS, MISS?
IN COMEDIES, BLACK GALS ONLY EVER APPEAR AS MAIDS.
AHHH, THAT'S TRUE, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
LOOKED MORE LIKE A COOL GUY.
HE HAD SMALLER EYES, YOU KNOW,
HUH?
THE OLD BILLY WASN'T LIKE THAT.
WRONG-O!
THE TRUE AUTHOR IS KEVIN YAMAGATA, A JAPANESE-AMERICAN JUST LIKE ME.
DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF BILLY BAT'S AUTHOR?
EVERY-ONE KNOWS THAT.
CHUCK CULKIN.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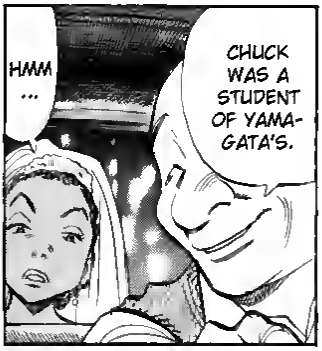
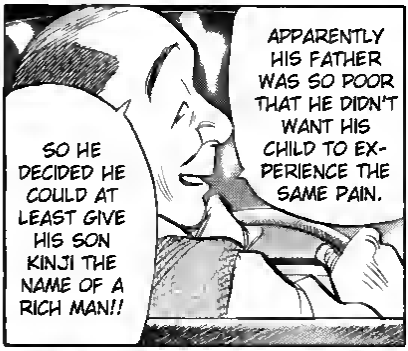
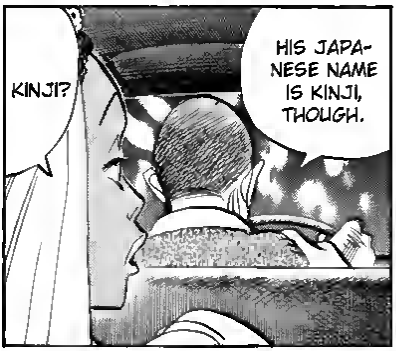
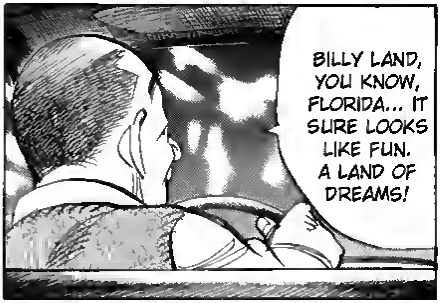
SO YOU'RE A JAPANESE-AMERICAN, MR. DRIVER?


HMM ...
CHUCK WAS A STUDENT OF YAMAGATA'S.


APPARENTLY HIS FATHER WAS SO POOR THAT HE DIDN'T WANT HIS CHILD TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME PAIN.
SO HE DECIDED HE COULD AT LEAST GIVE HIS SON KINJI THE NAME OF A RICH MAN!!


KINJI?
HIS JAPANESE NAME IS KINJI, THOUGH.


BILLY LAND, YOU KNOW, FLORIDA... IT SURE LOOKS LIKE FUN. A LAND OF DREAMS!

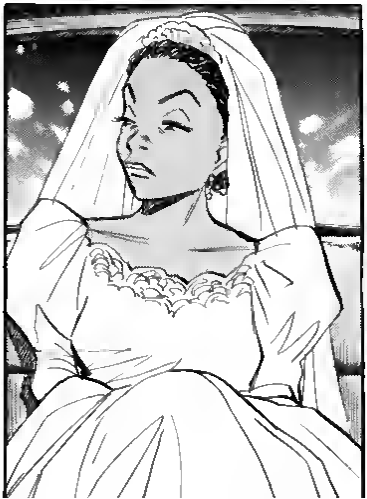
HMPH! WHAT A JOKE!!

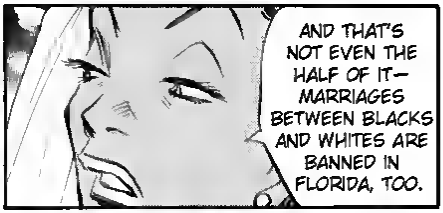
GO WHERE?
AHHH... IF I HAD SOME CASH, I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO...

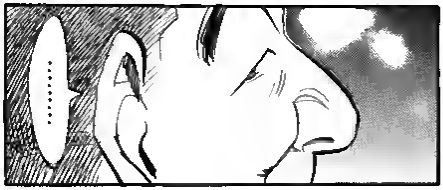
BLACKS CAN'T EVEN STEP A FOOT INSIDE!
WELCOME TO Billyl
SOME LAND OF DREAMS ALRIGHT ...

IT'S JUST THE SAME AS BLACKS NOT BEING ABLE TO RIDE IN WHITE BUSES.

'ZAT TRUE?




AND THAT'S NOT EVEN THE HALF OF IT— MARRIAGES BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES ARE BANNED IN FLORIDA, TOO.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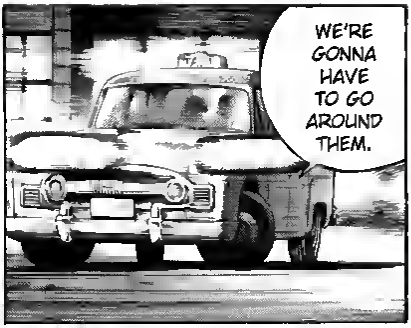
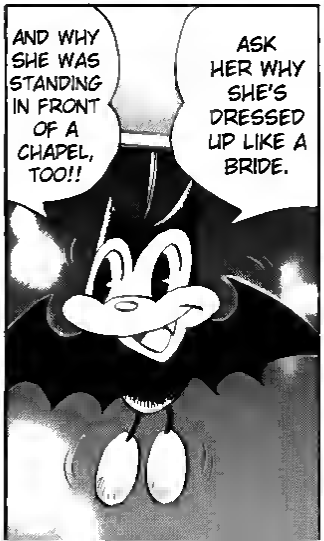
HEY LOOK, IT'S THE DEMONSTRATION!!
JOBS FOR ALL NOW!!
WE DEMAND DECENT HOUSING
JOBS FOR ALL!
WE PROTEST SCHOOL SEGREGATION
WE PROTEST SCHOOL SEGREGATION


WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO AROUND THEM.


ASK HER WHY SHE'S DRESSED UP LIKE A BRIDE.
AND WHY SHE WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF A CHAPEL, TOO!!

LISTEN UP.
EH!?

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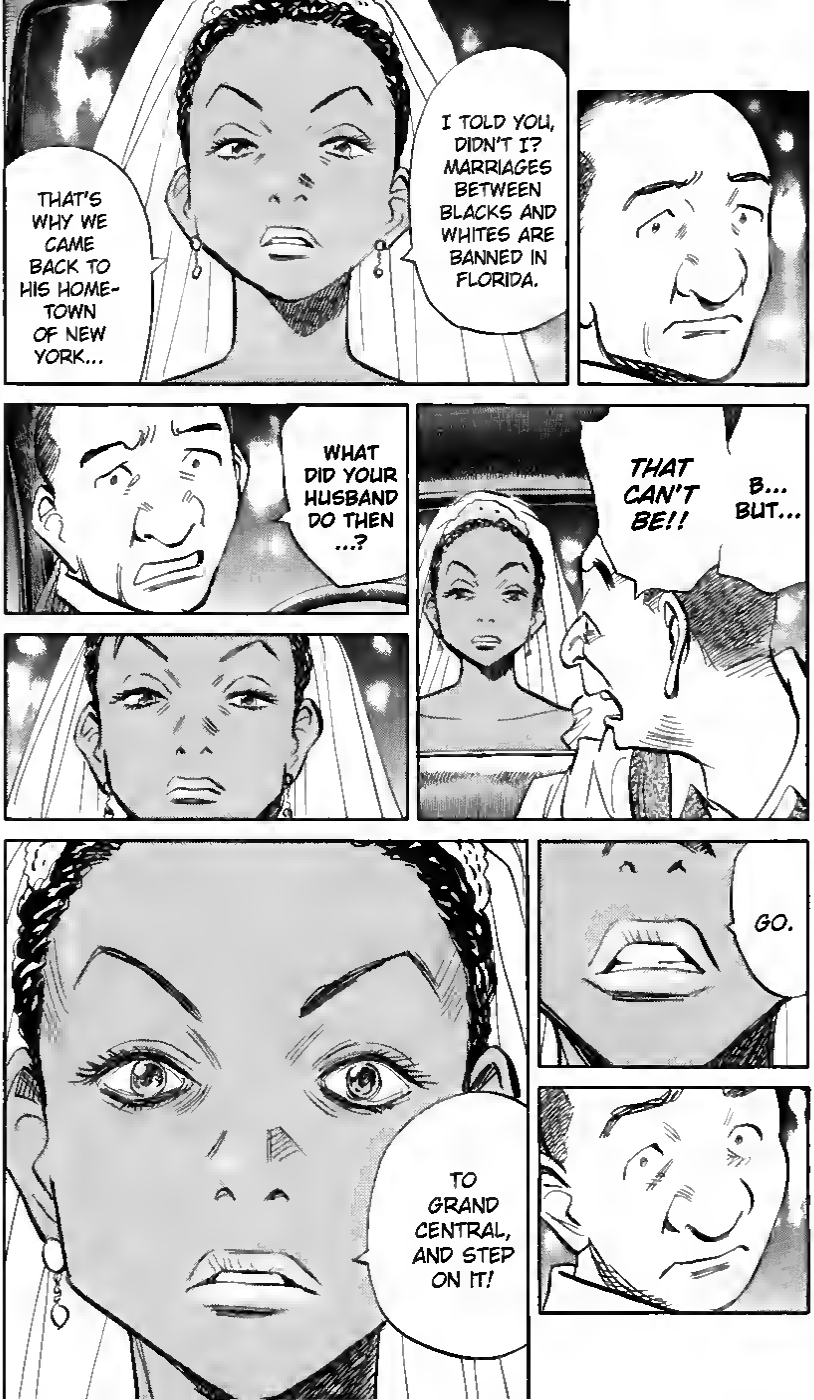
HEY!!
.....
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY, TELL ME HOW TO GET OUT OF THIS TRAFFIC JAM.
HEY, NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT.
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ...?
ERM... HMMM... HOW IS SHE, AGAIN ...?
UH ...
HOW OLD IS SHE?
EARLIER YOU SAID YOUR DAUGHTER LIKED BILLY, RIGHT?
I... SEE.
AH...
YOU AL-RIGHT?
AHH... UMMM ...
IT'S JUST THAT, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO... OR, HAVEN'T BEEN ALLOWED TO MEET HER...
YEAH ...

MARRIED LIFE...
IT'S A BIT DIFFICULT, YOU KNOW ...
HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN IT...
NAH... WELL...
YOU THINK A LONE WOMAN RIDING A TAXI DRESSED LIKE THIS IS WONDERFUL?
WHOOPS...!! I SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THAT TO A PERSON DRESSED AS WONDERFULLY AS YOU, NOW SHOULD I!?
OF MY OWN WEDDING ...
I WAS FORCED OUT...

HE'S WHITE.
TH... THAT'S A CHAPEL THE RICH USE FOR THEIR WEDDINGS, RIGHT?
"WE OBJECT TO THIS WED-DING," THEY SAID.
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SERVICE, HIS FAMILY RAISED THEIR VOICES.
THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT A BLACK BRIDE.
AND EVERYONE AGREED.


I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? MARRIAGES BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES ARE BANNED IN FLORIDA.
THAT'S WHY WE CAME BACK TO HIS HOME-TOWN OF NEW YORK...
WHAT DID YOUR HUSBAND DO THEN ...?
B... BUT...
THAT CAN'T BE!!
GO.
TO GRAND CENTRAL, AND STEP ON IT!

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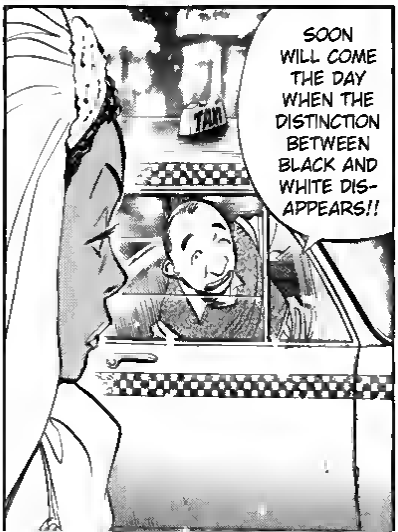
YES MA'AM ...
AH... SNOW ...

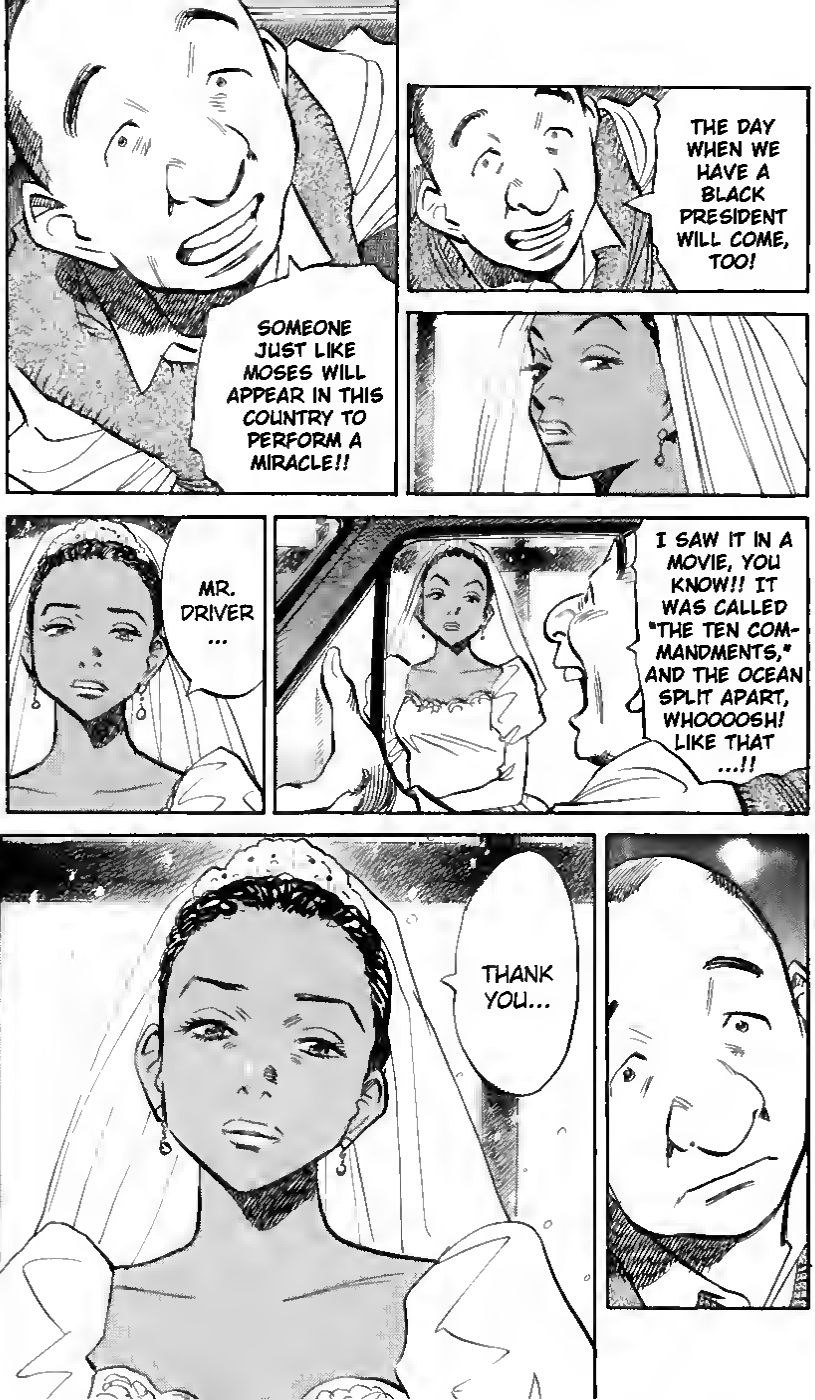
THANKS, MR. DRIVER.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO CATCH A COLD, DEAR.

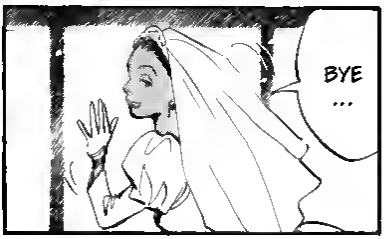
AHH... UM...


SOON WILL COME THE DAY WHEN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE DIS-APPEARS!!
TAXI

I'M SURE THINGS WILL WORK OUT!!


SOMEONE JUST LIKE MOSES WILL APPEAR IN THIS COUNTRY TO PERFORM A MIRACLE!!
THE DAY WHEN WE HAVE A BLACK PRESIDENT WILL COME, TOO!
MR. DRIVER ...
I SAW IT IN A MOVIE, YOU KNOW!! IT WAS CALLED "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS," AND THE OCEAN SPLIT APART, WHOOOOSH! LIKE THAT ...!!
THANK YOU...

YOU'LL STILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR DAUGHTER AGAIN.
YOU KNOW, MR. DRIVER, EVEN IF NO MIRACLES HAPPEN...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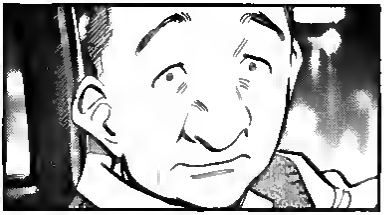
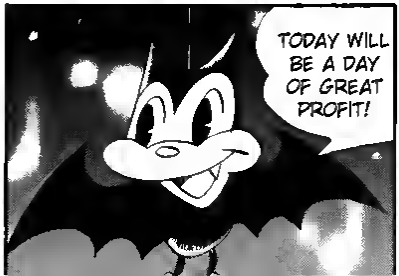


HURRY UP AND MOVE IT!

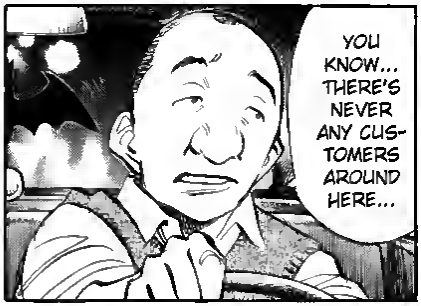

TODAY WILL BE A DAY OF GREAT PROFIT!

YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT I'M YOUR NAV-IGATOR, DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH, YEAH...
YOU REALLY NEED TO LEARN SOME MANNERS, YOU KNOW...
NEW YORK

WHO CARES? JUST TURN RIGHT.

WHAT? BUT IF WE TURN RIGHT ...

LOOK, ANOTHER DEMON-STRA-TION.
BOYCOTT
BACK TO THE TREES
RACE MIXING
WHO NEEDS NIGGERS


YOU KNOW... THERE'S NEVER ANY CUS-TOMERS AROUND HERE...

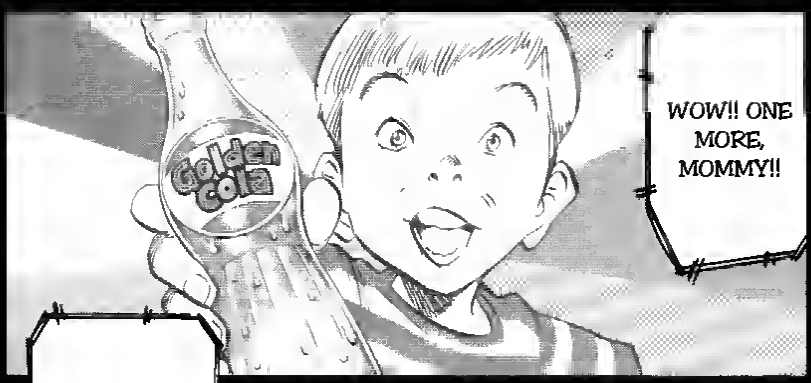
SURE ABOUT THAT?

WE'LL BE BACK AT THE CHAPEL.

WELL LOOK AT THAT... YOU'RE REALLY ON THE BALL TODAY!
TAXI
HAVE YOU BEEN DRIVING AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE?
WHERE TO?
MY BRIDE ...
HAVE YOU SEEN HER...?
HUH?

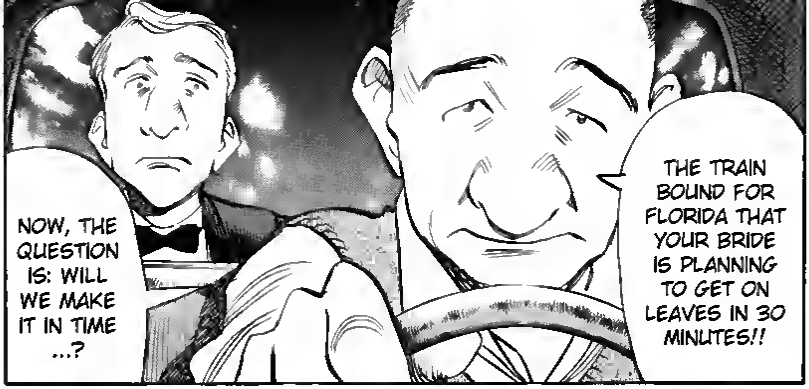
SHE'S A BLACK ...
HURRY UP AND GET IN !!
TAXI
EH... WH... WHAT?
WE STILL MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!!

IT TASTES THAT GOOD~ ♫
SHIVERS WILL RUN DOWN YOUR THROAT~ ♫


Golden Cola
WOW!! ONE MORE, MOMMY!!

CRISP AND REFRESHING GOLDEN COLA~ ♫
Golden Cola

HMPH. GOLDEN COLA...
THE COMPANY THAT GOT A LATE START DUE TO SHARE WARS, BUT WAS FAVORED BY KHRUSHCHEV AND PERMITTED TO MONOPOLIZE THE MARKET IN THE SOVIET UNION...
WHAT ARE YOU TO GOLDEN COLA?
SON OF THE FAMILY WHO OWNS IT.
AH, WHAT THE HEY. HOLD ON TIGHT!
HOOOOOO ... YOUR PARENTS SHOULD'VE NAMED YA RICHIE...
UWAHH !!


THE TRAIN BOUND FOR FLORIDA THAT YOUR BRIDE IS PLANNING TO GET ON LEAVES IN 30 MINUTES!!
NOW, THE QUESTION IS: WILL WE MAKE IT IN TIME ...?

Chapter 17 After the Church

1955 - GOLDEN COLA OPENS A MASSIVE BOTTLING FACTORY IN FLORIDA —

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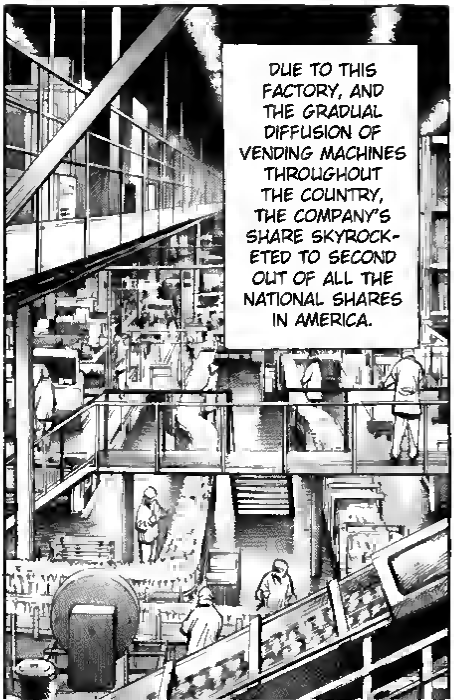
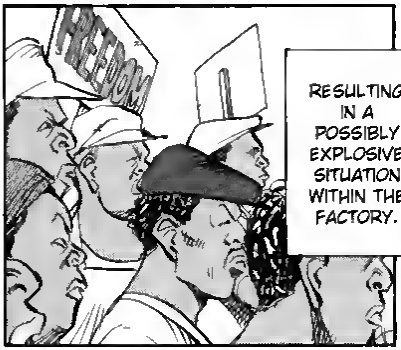
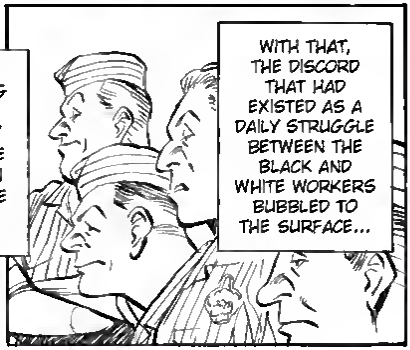
IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE PROBLEMS AROSE, HOWEVER ...

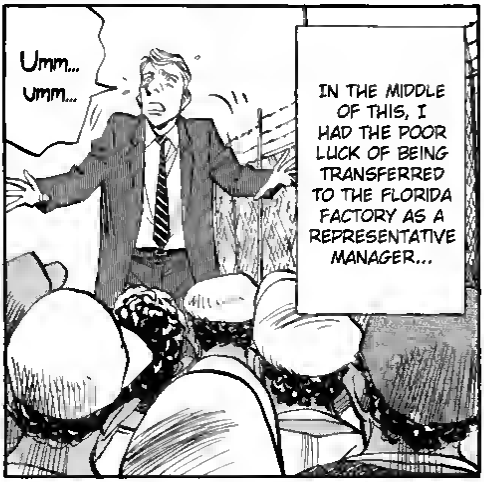

DUE TO THIS FACTORY, AND THE GRADUAL DIFFUSION OF VENDING MACHINES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THE COMPANY'S SHARE SKYROCKETED TO SECOND OUT OF ALL THE NATIONAL SHARES IN AMERICA.

OPEN OUR FUTURE
EQUALITY
BLACK LABOR WORKERS BEGAN PROTESTING AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.


FREEDOM
RESULTING IN A POSSIBLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION WITHIN THE FACTORY.

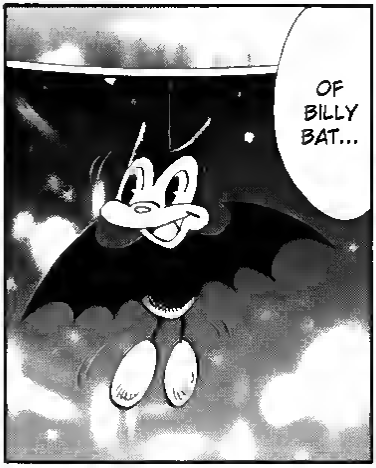

WITH THAT, THE DISCORD THAT HAD EXISTED AS A DAILY STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE BLACK AND WHITE WORKERS BUBBLED TO THE SURFACE...

Um...
Er..
E-everyone, please listen...

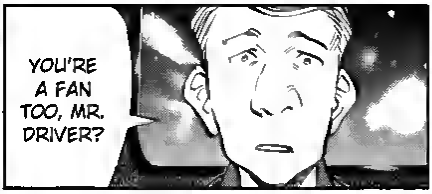

Umm... umm...
IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, I HAD THE POOR LUCK OF BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE FLORIDA FACTORY AS A REPRESENTATIVE MANAGER...

IT'S GONNA TAKE US SOME TIME TO REACH THE STATION.
TAXI

HMPH! PROTESTS THIS WAY TOO.
WE DEMAND DECENT HOUSING NOW!

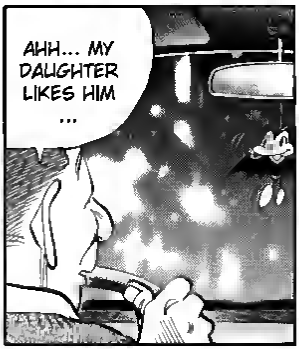

OF BILLY BAT...

AH ...
YOU REALLY MIGHT BE OUT OF LUCK HERE, PAL...


YOU'RE A FAN TOO, MR. DRIVER?

KEVIN YAMA-GATA!!

I LIKE THE OLD BILLY BETTER, THOUGH...


AHH... MY DAUGHTER LIKES HIM ...

THE RECENT BILLY THAT CHUCK CULKIN FELLOW DRAWS...
IT'S THE PITS!!
SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW YOUR ONIONS, SIR.
OF COURSE! THE REAL BILLY IS THE ONE THAT KEVIN DREW!!
FLORIDA'S BILLY LAND IS TERRIBLE.
I'LL BET!!
AHAHAH! THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR!!
HEY, ASK HIM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN ...
THERE'S NO POINT IN AN AMUSEMENT PARK THAT PROHIBITS BLACKS FROM ENTERING...

I WANTED TO BECOME A CARTOONIST MYSELF.
EH?
ASK HIM WHEN HE HOOKED UP WITH HIS BRIDE!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
OH REALLY ...?
I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO EUROPE AND BECOMING A CARTOONIST THERE...
e-every-one, p-please calm... down..
F-for the time being,
NOT TO MENTION HAVING TO QUELL DEMONSTRATIONS...
THERE'S NOTHING GLORIOUS ABOUT BEING A MANAGER ...

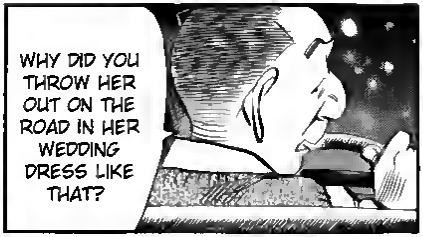
SHUT UP, WHITEY !!
N.. no, I'm just the representative manager..
ARE YOU ON THE NIGGERS' SIDE, MANAGER !?
THEY'RE MISBEHAVING BECAUSE YOU'RE ACTING LIKE SUCH A LILLY-LIVERED FOOL!!
GET DOWN OFF THERE !!
WHY CAN'T WE FEED OUR FAMILIES, EVEN THOUGH WE WORK MORE THAN THE CRACKERS!?
LET US EAT IN THE SAME CAFETERIA !!
WE AIN'T GONNA LET YOU PUSH US AROUND ANYMORE !!
H'LEEE !!
WAAAAAAHHHH !!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE! GIT 'EM!!
WAIT ...!!
WA... WAIT...
SHUT UP, NIGGERS!! KNOW YOUR PLACE!!

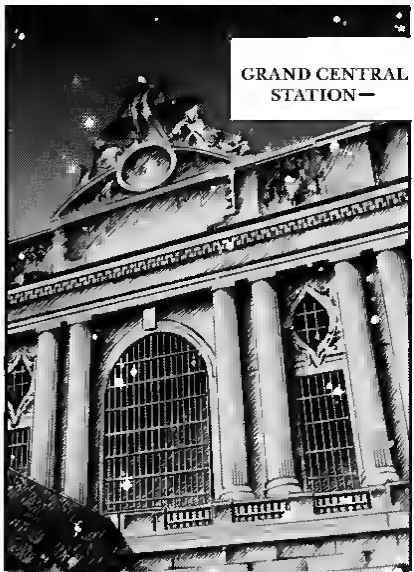
ENOUGH ALREADY !!
IF WE TURN THIS PLACE INTO A SLAUGHT-ERHOUSE ...
WHO CARES IF YOU'RE BLACK OR WHITE!?
IF YOU THINK I'M LYIN', THEN GO AHEAD AND GIVE IT A TRY!!
ONLY RED BLOOD WILL RUN!!

ALL HARD WORKERS BEING MANIPULATED BY THESE GUYS!!
!!
Golden Cola
ARE ALL CO-WORKERS!!
WE...
RIGHT?
I FELL IN LOVE ...

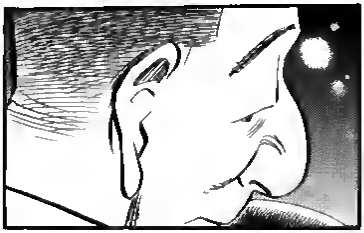
WHY DIDN'T YOU STAND UP AND SAY SOMETHING WHEN YOUR FAMILY OBJECTED TO YOUR MARRIAGE, THEN?

IT...
ALWAYS ENDS UP LIKE THAT...


WHY DID YOU THROW HER OUT ON THE ROAD IN HER WEDDING DRESS LIKE THAT?


GRAND CENTRAL STATION—

I'VE GOT NO GUTS...



AH... YES...
YOUSE... DA ONE WHO BOUGHT A TICKET TO FLORIDA JUS' NOW?

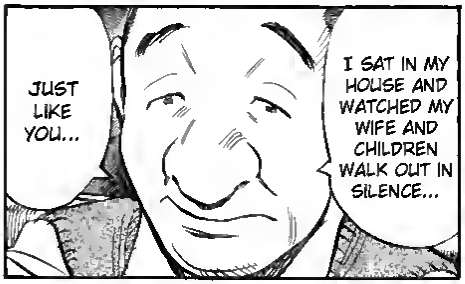
N' IF YA STAY HERE, DA DEMONSTRA-TORS'LL COME... COULD BE TROUBLE.

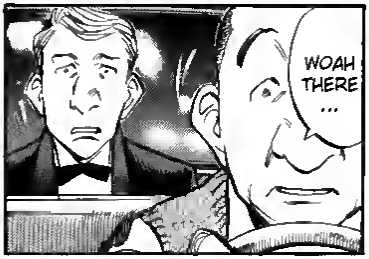
IF'N YA DON' GO OUT DER NOW, DA TRAIN'S GONNA LEAVE.

THANK YOU...

I...
CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY ADVICE MYSELF, THOUGH.

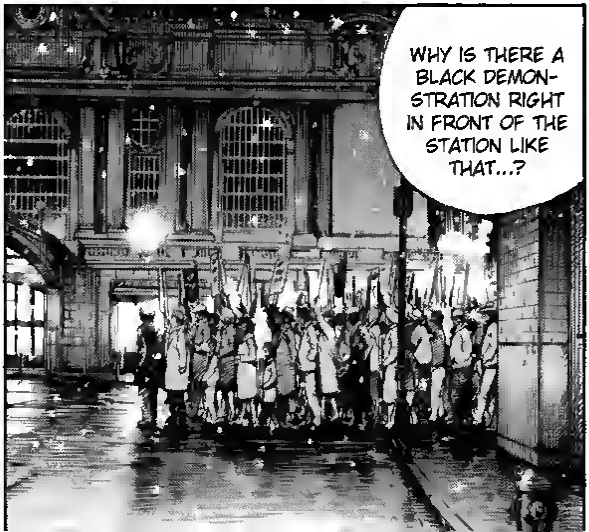
TAXI


I SAT IN MY HOUSE AND WATCHED MY WIFE AND CHILDREN WALK OUT IN SILENCE...
JUST LIKE YOU...


WOAH THERE ...

I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH GUTS...

HUH... WHAT THE?


WHY IS THERE A BLACK DEMONSTRATION RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE STATION LIKE THAT...?

The white demonstrators are coming from the other side!!
W-woah, this doesn't look too good!!
Forget about cutting through... t-this is going to turn into a lynch...!!
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE IT IN ME, AFTER ALL...
TURN BACK.
If we don't watch out, we'll become a part of it...
Wh... what should I do, sir?

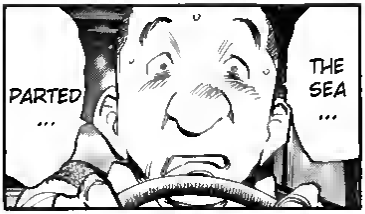
LUCK DOESN'T COME TO MEN WITH NO COURAGE ...
YUP... EXACTLY.
THAT'S THE TRUTH, ALRIGHT.
A MIRACLE LIKE THE SEA PARTING FROM MOSES' "TEN COMMANDMENTS" WON'T COME TO US...
GO.
EH ...?
YOU SAID I'M YOUR NAVIGATOR, DIDN'T YOU?

Haa
Haa
JUST GO ALREADY! IF YOU FOLLOW WHAT I SAY, NO ONE WILL DIE.
THEN GO THROUGH, LIKE I'M TELLING YOU TO!!
IF I DRIVE THROUGH THERE COUNTLESS PEOPLE WILL DIE!!
G... GIMME A BREAK!!
WE'RE GOING THROU-GH!!
MR. DRIVER !!
FINE THEN ...
Haa
Haa
Vorvum
MR. DRIVER ...?
EH ...?
TAXI

TH... THAT'S ...
MR. DRIVER ...!!
RIGHT!!
LEFT!!
RIGHT!!
G...
PLEASE, GO THROUGH THEM!!
GO!!

JOBS for
WE MONEY
SCHOOL

I HAVE TO MAKE A MIRACLE HAPPEN TOO.


PARTED ...
THE SEA ...

NOW ...

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HEY, THAT'S THE LEFT!
WE'RE GONNA CASH IN BIG TODAY! NOW HEAD TO THE RIGHT!
IT WENT JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T IT?
SEE?
.....
I'M GOING TO PICK THEM UP.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
I'M SERIOUS, TRUST ME ON THIS ONE! GO TO THE RIGHT!
NO, I'M GOING LEFT.

THE RIGHT, I'M TELLIN' YA!!
C'MON, GO TO THE RIGHT!
I'M GOING TO PICK UP MY WIFE AND CHILDREN.
WOAH, COOL IT THERE, PAL!
NUNUUU ... A MARKED STONE !!
OR LEFT !?
RIGHT !?

Shu Ta Taah
THAT MEANS IT'S A RIGHT ...!!
WHO IS THAT ...
AND WHAT BUSINESS DO THEY HAVE AT CASTLE MOMOCHI ...?

ZUZAZAZAZA
ZAH

HA?
YOU CRACKED MY HEAD OPEN!!
OVER-REACT-ING AS USUAL!
OWW WW!!
UU!

AWWW, COME ON, SHIN-CHAN, THROWING STUFF IS COWARDLY!
YOU THINK YOUR HEAD WOULD BE SPLIT OPEN AFTER BEING HIT WITH A MERE THREAD BALL?
HEHEH! IF THIS HAD BEEN A REAL SHURIKEN, GEN-CHAN, THEN ABOUT NOW, YOU'D BE....
YOU'RE WIDE OPEN!!
OWWWW!!
WAHH!!
AND YOU'RE CALLING ME COWARDLY!?
HUH? WHERE'S KAN-CHAN AND GON-CHAN?
HEHEH! YOU'RE ALL MINE WHEN IT COMES TO CLOSE RANGE!
STO... OWWW, I GIVE!!

THOSE TWO REALLY ARE SOME-THING.
I WONDER IF IT'LL BE KAN-CHAN'S LEGS OR GON-CHAN'S SWORD THAT WINS TODAY...
ZAZAZAH

WAH!
HEHEH!
DAMMIT!
PRE-
PARE
YOUR-
SELF!!
OWWW
!!
WAH!
WAH,
WAH
...
WAH!

AHHHHHHH!!

Kun

!?

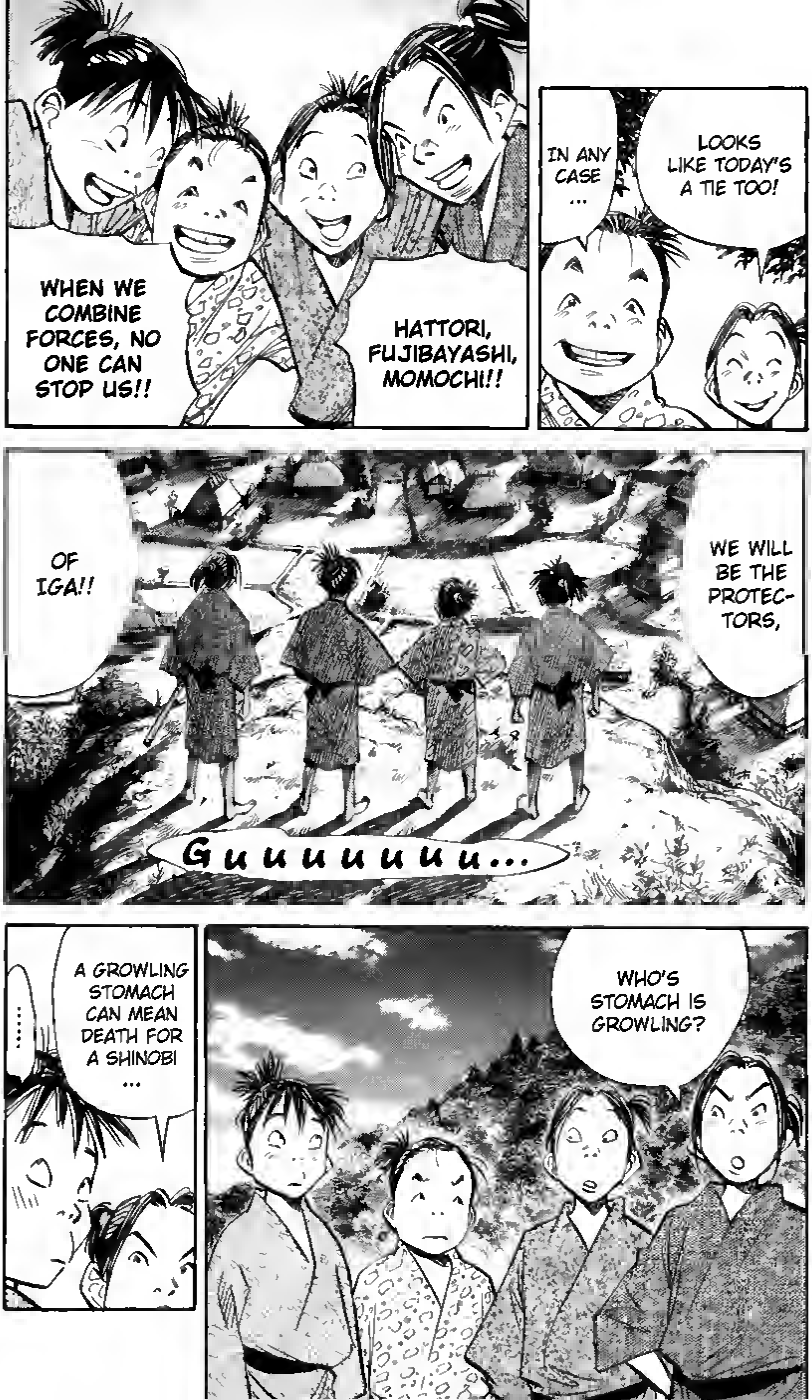
HAHAHAH!!

SO WHO WON, THEN?

ME, OF COURSE!

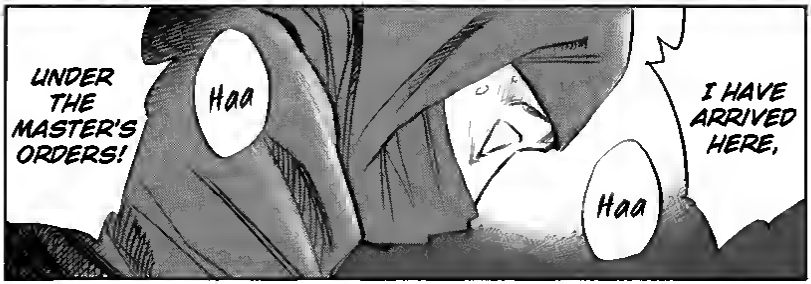
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I WON!! MY SWORD HIT YOU STRAIGHT ON THE HEAD!

IF I HADN'T BEEN STANDING THERE, YOU'D BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF RIGHT NOW.

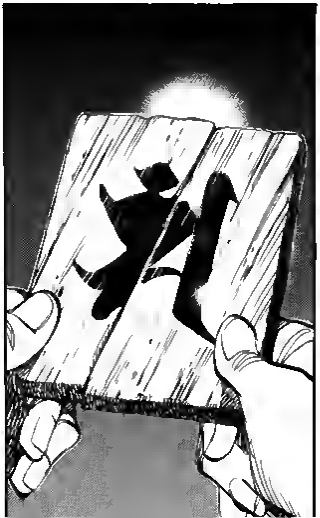

WHEN WE COMBINE FORCES, NO ONE CAN STOP US!!
HATTORI, FUJIBAYASHI, MOMOCHI!!
IN ANY CASE ...
LOOKS LIKE TODAY'S A TIE TOO!
OF IGA!!
WE WILL BE THE PROTEC-TORS,
Guuuuuuu...
A GROWLING STOMACH CAN MEAN DEATH FOR A SHINOBI ...
.....
WHO'S STOMACH IS GROWLING?

Chapter 18 The Scroll of Momochi [1]

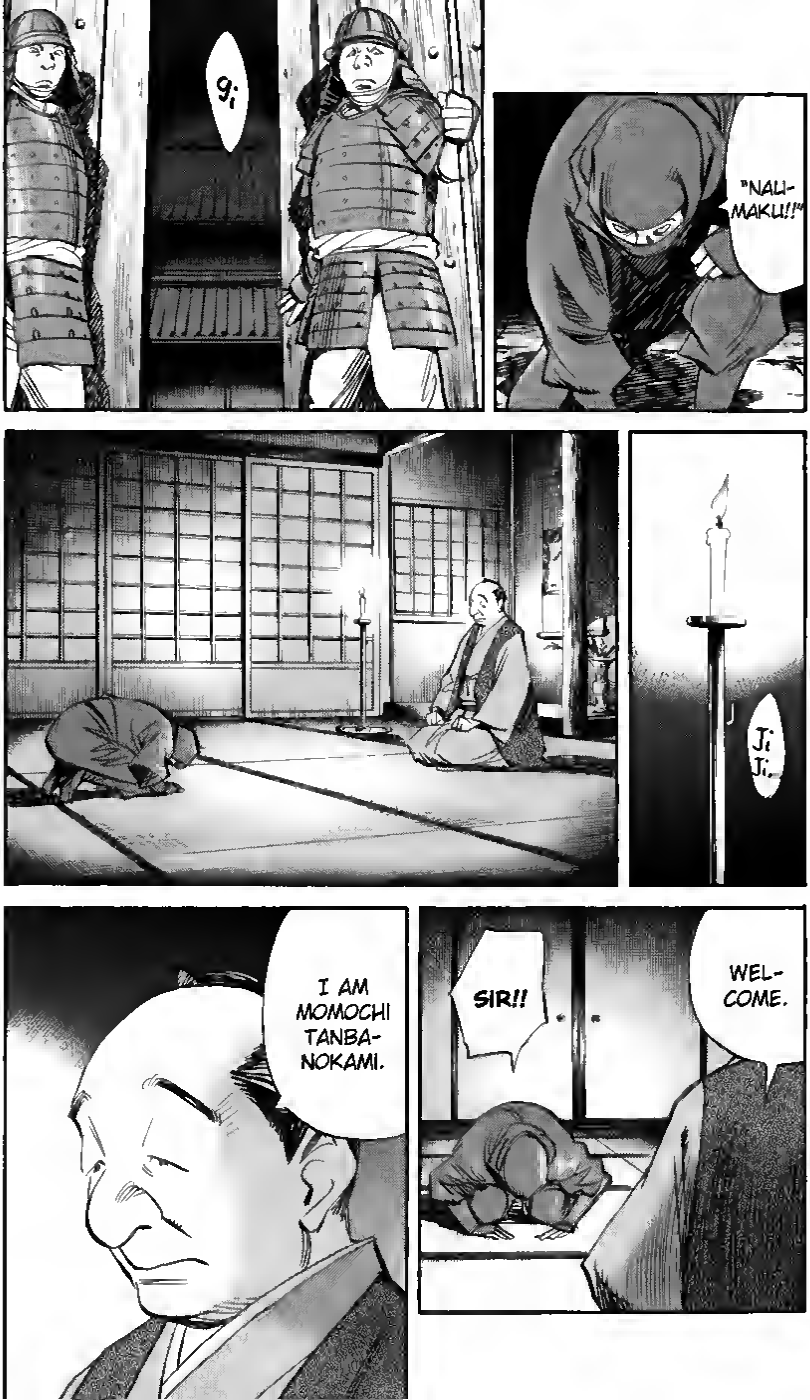
Haa
Haa
Haa


UNDER THE MASTER'S ORDERS!
Haa
I HAVE ARRIVED HERE,
Haa

THE CODE WORDS!! "ONBA-SARA!!"



SHOW ME YOUR PASS!!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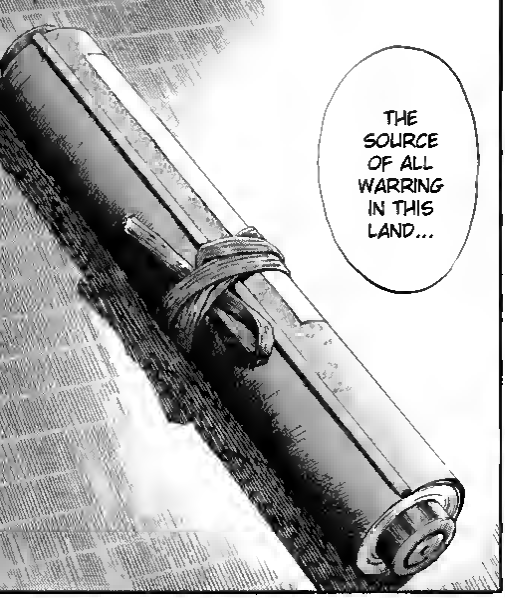
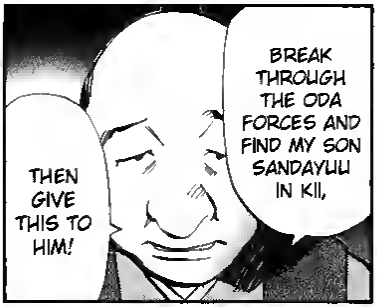
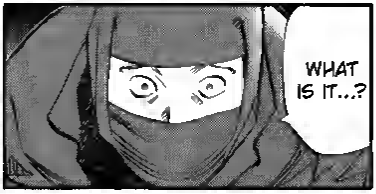
"NAU-
MAKU!!"
Ji
Ji..
I AM
MOMOCHI
TANBA-
NOKAMI.
SIR!!
WEL-
COME.

THE MAN FAMED AS THE GREATEST RUNNER IN IGA...
IS YOU, KANBEI.
AS YOU KNOW, OUR LAND OF IGA,
HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE ODA FORCES.
OUR OPPONENT TWO YEARS AGO WAS NOBUNAGA'S SON, NOBUKATSU... NOT OUR ENEMY. MERELY A FOOL...
THIS TIME, HOWEVER, WE ARE UP AGAINST HIS FATHER.
BUT IT'S OUR 9,000 AGAINST ODA'S 60,000.
THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO EXECUTE A UNIFIED ATTACK FROM SIX DIFFERENT AREAS.
HORI TARAO
GAMO WAKIZAKA YAMAOKA
TANBA WAKEBE TAKIGAWA TOUDOU
TSUTSUI MATSUKURA
ASANO TODA SHINATSU
KITABATA ODA HIOKI YOSHIDA

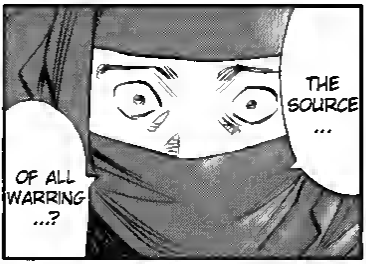
APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN BOUGHT OUT AS GUIDES TO IGA.
ADDITIONALLY, FUKUCHI IYO-NOKAMI, THE LORD OF ONE OF IGA'S CASTLES, AND MIMIZU YAJIROU FROM KAWAI VILLAGE HAVE BETRAYED US,
AT THIS RATE...
LEAVING US WITH NO IDEA AS TO WHO IS OUR ENEMY AND WHO IS OUR ALLY.
TARAO MITSUYOSHI OF KOUGA IS ALSO INVOLVED,
IT IS HERE, KANBEI, THAT WE COME UPON YOUR ROLE...
THE LAND OF IGA IS DOOMED.
THIS ...


THE SOURCE OF ALL WARRING IN THIS LAND...

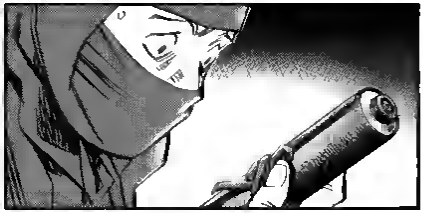

BREAK THROUGH THE ODA FORCES AND FIND MY SON SANDAYUU IN KII,
THEN GIVE THIS TO HIM!


WHAT IS IT...?

IF THIS SCROLL BECOMES OUT OF THEIR REACH, THEY WILL HALT THEIR ATTACK.


THE SOURCE ...
OF ALL WARRING ...?

YES SIR!!
EVERY-THING IS RESTING ON YOUR LEGS.



NOW GO, KANBEI.

SAVE THE LAND OF IGA!
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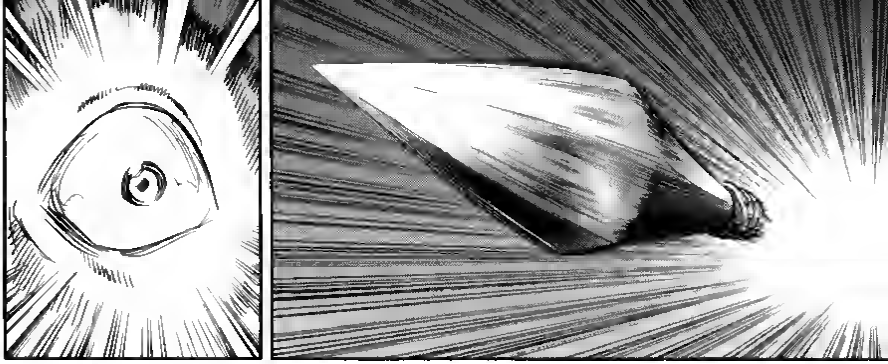
THE ROAD FROM MOMOCHI'S DOMINION TO THE SOUTH HAS ALREADY BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE ENEMY.
ZA ZAH
I'LL HAVE TO HEAD THROUGH FUJIBAYASHI AND HATTORI BEFORE MAKING IT UP TO THE NABARI RIVER.

Haa
THEN FOLLOW THAT DOWN TO KII!!
Haa
A TRAP ...!!
!!
IS THIS ALL IN ORDER TO KEEP ME FROM RUNNING ...?
THEY'VE GOT THE ENTIRE FOREST RIGGED UP...

CON-CEN-TRATE ...
IF YOU CONCEN-TRATE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THE THREADS IN THE DARK WITH YOUR MIND'S EYE.
THAT TOOK AN UNBE-LIEVABLE AMOUNT OF TIME.
AND IT'S TOO DAN-GEROUS TO CROSS THE FIELDS ...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ENTER THE FOREST.

KASASASASASASAH
Haa
Haa
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MORE RATIONS ...
IF IT REQUIRES MORE TIME THAN THIS TO REACH KII, HOWEVER, I'LL BE TOO LATE...
KAAN
KAAN



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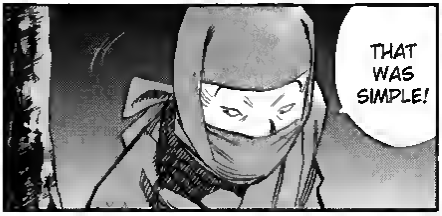
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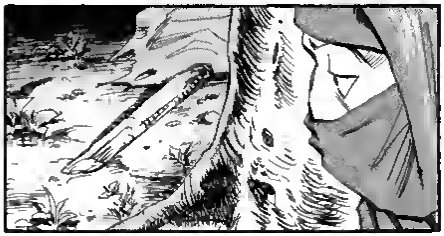

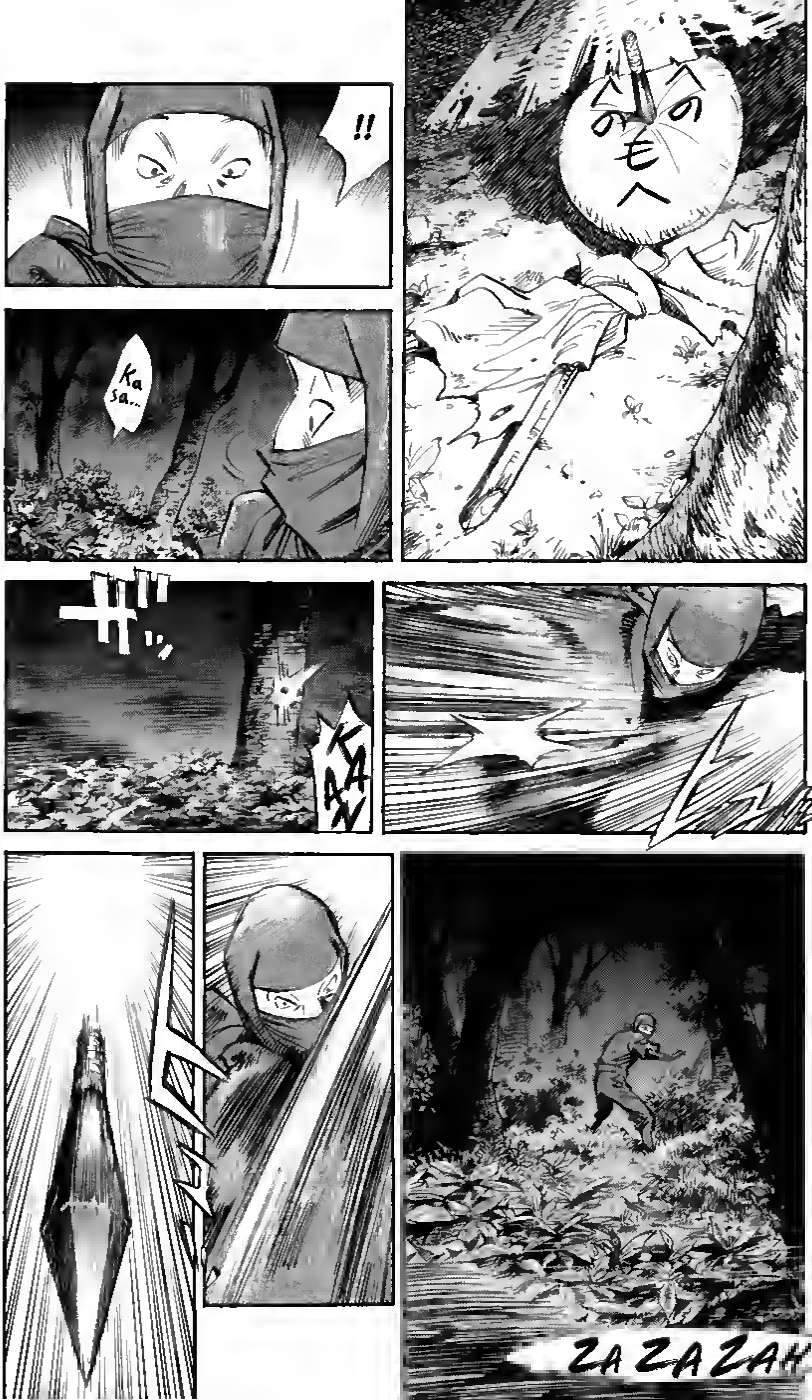
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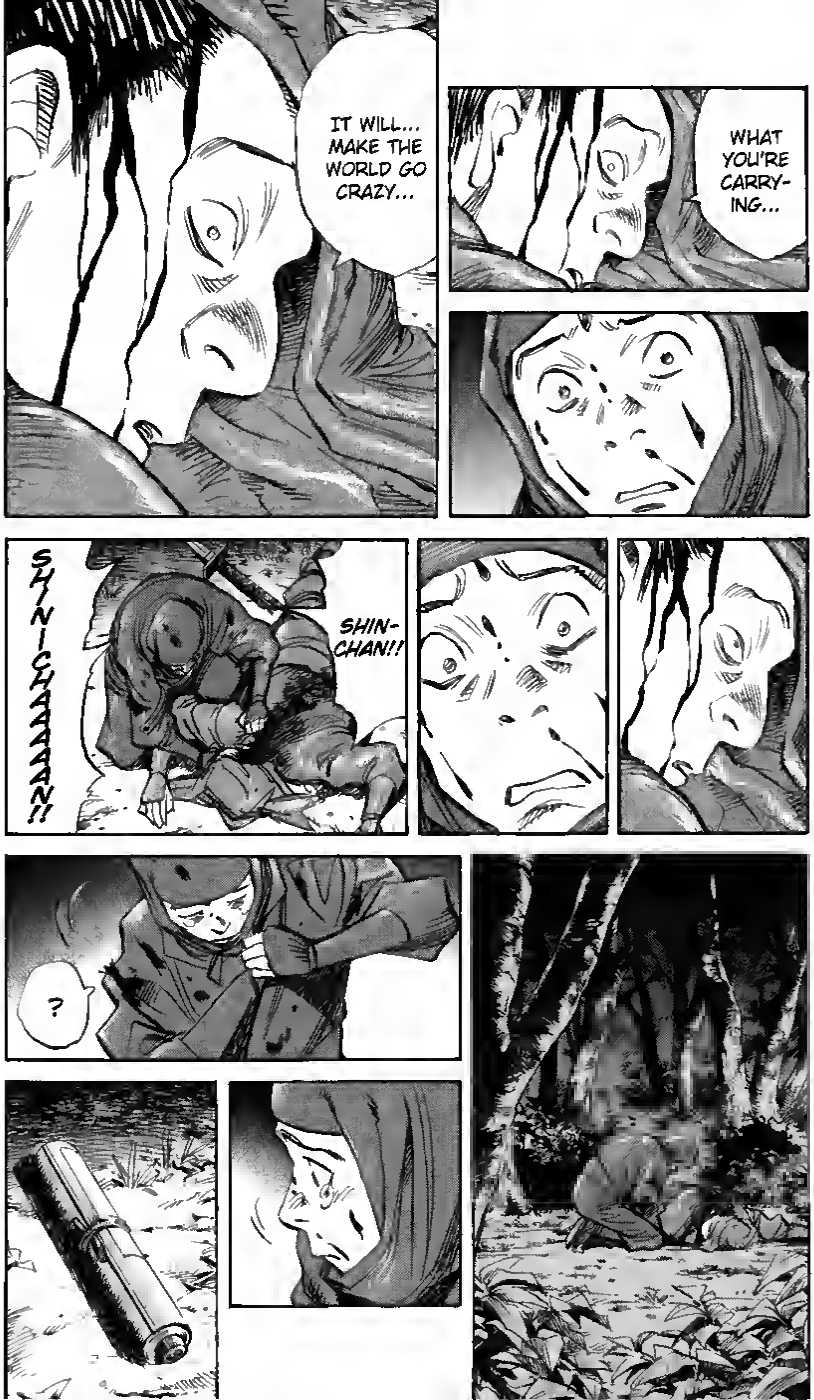
Ka sa..
KAN
ZAZAZAH

ALRIGHT, HE'S WOUNDED!!
THIS IS IT!!
ATOB
ATOB
NO MATTER HOW FAST HE MOVES, I CAN FIND OUT WHERE HE IS BY THE STENCH OF HIS BLOOD!!
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE!!
THERE!!

エ!!
TIME TO FINISH YOU OFF!!
!!

EHH !?
YOU REALLY ARE FAST, KAN-CHAN.
WHAT ...

WHY IS FUJIBAYASHI... SHIN-CHAN...
Haa
Haa
SHIN-CHAN...
Haa
Haa
LEAVING US WITH NO IDEA AS TO WHO IS OUR ENEMY AND WHO IS OUR ALLY.
BURN IT UP...
EH ...?
SHIN-CHAN!! YOU'RE FROM IGA, JUST LIKE ME...


IT WILL... MAKE THE WORLD GO CRAZY...
WHAT YOU'RE CARRY-ING...
SHINICHAAAAN!!
SHIN-CHAN!!
?

MAKE THE WORLD ...
GO CRAZY ...?
AHHH, SO IT'S ALREADY BEGUN...

HOW MANY DEATHS WILL IT TAKE TO FINISH THINGS?
Gyuu
WH...
WHAT WAS THAT ...?

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